Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Mr. P. R. Goda Varma Raja: May I know what will be the approximate cost for putting up the bridge?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: About Rs. two lakhs.

Lady Doctor and female ward in the Lalom District Hospital.

30. **Miss Thresia Korah**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of female in-patients and out-patients treated during the year 1114 in the Minachil District Hospital Lalom;

(*b*) whether the necessity for a separate female ward has been felt by them; and

(*c*) whether the people of Minachil have petitioned to them for the employment of a lady doctor in the said hospital?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose:

(*a*) The number till 15-11-1114;

Female in-patients—224;

Female out-patients—17,977.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: It is stated in answer to part (*b*) that the necessity for a separate female ward has been felt by them. May I know the step taken by the Surgeon General in that connection?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: The answer only says that the necessity for a separate female ward has been felt, but not that the necessity is felt now. From the administration report it will be seen that there is already a female ward in that Hospital.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether any new female ward will be opened in that hospital?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: I have said, Sir that there is one already.

Construction of a bridge over the Minachil river at Palai.

31. **Miss Thresia Korah**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have been receiving representations and petitions from the public of Minachil for the construction of a bridge over the Minachil river at Palai;

(*b*) the date when the first representation was made;

(*c*) whether the need for the construction of a bridge at Palai has been realised by the Government; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the action taken towards the construction of the bridge and the stage at which it stands now?

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